

Top 10 Reasons For Districts to Participate in AKT²

10. AKT2 will provide your district with teachers who have classroom technology skills.
9. AKT2 is a unique opportunity for preparing teachers with the skills they need for teaching in rural Alaska.
8. The Professional Learning Communities developed by AKT2 will ripple out to help the professional development of other teachers in your district.
7. AKT2 is the opportunity to create a successful partnership with EED that is dynamic and changing. Partner districts will have input as the program grows and changes.
6. AKT2 is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor with regard to how we prepare and certify teachers in the state.
5. AKT2 candidates have in depth experiences with their content areas and are willing to take on challenges.
4. AKT2 candidates will have extraordinary skills in their discipline.
3. AKT2 allows your district to tap into a pool of candidates not previously available.
2. AKT2 teachers will have an Alaska teacher certification.
1. AKT2 provides highly qualified teachers for your hard-to-fill positions.



Your express route to Alaska teacher certification



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Alaska Transition to Teaching Program

AKT²

School District Information



An initiative sponsored by the
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Alaska Transition to Teaching (*AKT*²) Candidate Requirements

Prerequisites:

- Hold a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university in an endorsable area and have a minimum 2.5 G.P.A.
- Pass the Praxis I tests of basic skills (reading, writing, and math)
- Pass a background check
- Not possess a teaching certificate currently or previously
- Demonstrate Highly Qualified status

Requirements for program completion:

- Pass an invitational screening interview
- Satisfy requirements for initial teacher certification in Alaska
- Successfully complete the pre-service and field experiences
- Participate in a Professional Learning Community (PLC)
- Work cooperatively with district assigned mentor(s) as required
- Satisfactorily complete the requirement of the Individual Teacher Plan (ITP)
- Receive a recommendation from district

*AKT*² Candidate Timeline

Phase I

(Online Now)

- ♦ Online AKT2 pre-application

Phase II

(Application due date to be announced late fall)

- ♦ Complete application
 - ◊ Official transcripts
 - ◊ Background checks
 - ◊ Praxis I scores
 - ◊ Letters of reference
 - ◊ Demonstrate Highly Qualified status
- ♦ Attend screening interview
 - ◊ In-person in Anchorage, AK
 - ◊ Interview
 - ◊ Article discussion
 - ◊ Mini-lesson

Phase III

(January-May)

- ♦ Spring Online Pre-service Learning
 - ◊ Internet based
 - ◊ Ten classroom observations
 - ◊ Bi-weekly webinars reinforcing online content
- ♦ Interview for positions in districts

Phase IV

(May-July)

- ♦ Summer Field Experience and Cultural Workshop
 - ◊ Instruction in Alaskan classrooms
 - ◊ Work with Alaskan students and teachers
 - ◊ Complete a standards-based course
- ♦ Apply for Initial Teacher Certification

Phase V

(School Year)

- ♦ Candidates become "Teachers of Record" and begin classroom teaching
 - ◊ Submit documents to complete ITP
 - ◊ Mentorship provided by Alaska Statewide Mentor Program (ASMP)
 - ◊ Continued support from Professional Learning Community (PLC) and AKT2 staff
- ◊ Teach 2 years in a partner district

Phase VI

- ♦ Exit evaluation
 - ◊ Interviews
 - ◊ Portfolio

*AKT*² Partner Districts

Bering Strait

Hydaburg

Iditarod

Kake

Kashunamiut

Klawock

Kuspuk

Lower Kuskokwim

Lower Yukon

Northwest Arctic

Saint Mary's

Southeast Island

Yukon Flats

Yukon-Koyukuk

Yupit

Target Recruiting Groups:

- Recent college graduates
- Mid-career professionals
- Para-professionals
- Military